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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION by the

Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) on an application for an Arizona Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (AZPDES) Permit to discharge pollutants to Waters of the United States. ADEQ is issuing an extension to the public notice comment period for the public notice 55-08AZ published on November 27, 2008 of the proposed action under the Clean Water Act (CWA) and in accordance with Arizona Administrative Code (A.A.C.) R18-9-A907.

The Director proposes to issue an AZPDES permit to discharge to the following applicant, subject to certain effluent limitations and special conditions:

Public Notice No. 54-08AZ

AZPDES Permit No. AZ0023248

Publication Date: 12/25/08

City of Tempe – Kyrene WRP

P.O. Box 5002

Tempe, Arizona 85280

The applicant applied for a renewal AZPDES permit for the discharge of up to 9 million gallons per day (mgd) of effluent from a water reclamation plant (WRP) that serves the City of Tempe in Maricopa County, Arizona. Effluent is discharged, via a storm drain, into the Salt River in the Middle Gila Basin. The point of discharge will be in T1S, R3E, Section 23. Wastewater is both domestic and industrial in nature. Treatment will be tertiary with screen filtration, grit removal, equalization basins, and membrane filtration. Anoxic and aerobic tanks are used for the nitrification and de-nitrification processes. Treated wastewater is pumped through inline UV reactors and the sludge is sent, via pipeline, to the City of Phoenix 91st Avenue WWTP for treatment and disposal. Sludge will be disposed of at an approved landfill. Pursuant to A.A.C. 18-11 Article 1, Appendix B, effluent limitations in the permit are based on the designated uses of aquatic and wildlife (effluent dependent water) (A&Wedw) and partial body contact (PBC). Effluent will be monitored for biochemical oxygen demand (BOD), total suspended solids (TSS), E. Coli, pH, metals, and cyanide. Chronic whole effluent toxicity (WET) testing will be required once per month to assist in determining whether synergistic effects of monitored or non-monitored parameters are occurring.

With 24 hour notice, the draft permit and related documentation is available for public review Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the ADEQ Phoenix office. To review the file, contact the Records Management Center, 24 hours in advance at (602) 771- 4380. A copy of the pertinent documents may also be obtained by calling or writing ADEQ as follows.

Persons may submit comments or request a public hearing on the proposed action, in writing, to:

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All written comments received by ADEQ by the close of business on January 12, 2009 will be considered in the final permit decision. Requests for a hearing must be in writing and must state the issues proposed to be raised in a hearing. If there is a significant degree of public interest, the Director will hold a hearing in accordance with A.A.C. R18-9-908(B). Additional notice of such hearing would be published at least 30 days prior to the hearing date.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons you know would be interested in this matter.

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